

of his patients. He has educated residents and students on the need to provide competent, compassionate care by strengthening the physician/patient relationship and by motivating patients to lead healthier lives. Dr. Lijoi has also been a very active community volunteer.

I once again offer my congratulations to Dr. Fawcett and Dr. Lijoi for personifying the best ideals and practices of family medicine. They have positively impacted countless of their fellow citizens throughout their careers and I know that their patients, friends, family and colleagues join with me in offering best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

H.R. 6079—OBAMACARE REPEAL ACT

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, there are many issues in the health care law that require Congressional attention. After repeal of ObamaCare, as we craft proposals to reform the health care system, there are a variety of issues that were dealt with in the original ObamaCare law that had nothing to do with the central elements of the law that we will seek to address. These include for example reforming the Medicaid program in a way that, among other things, addresses disparities in Medicaid funding amongst the states and territories. Puerto Rico Governor Fortuño has personally raised this latter issue with me. The Governor has taken commendable steps to reduce Puerto Rico's deficit and grow its economy and it is important that with respect to Medicaid, Puerto Rico and the other territories be treated fairly.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, on the 208th anniversary of the fatal wounding of Alexander Hamilton in his duel with Aaron Burr, it is \$15,879,266,313,073.20. We've added \$5,252,389,264,160.12 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we mark the 40th anniversary of Title IX—the his-

toric law establishing equal access to education for women, I would like to take a moment to recognize the importance of equal pay for equal work, another federal policy that is essential to providing equal opportunity for women in our country. The contemporary push for women's rights began with the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Although this statute was a great advancement for women in society, much work remains to strengthen the reality of equal pay for women. For example, in 1963, women earned sixty cents for every dollar a man made. Today, according to the latest Census statistics, women only earn seventy-seven cents for every dollar a man makes—progress but still an egregiously-unfair and unequal disparity. Equal pay is the foundation for economic well-being and security. Policymakers must take action to ensure that equity in pay is a national priority.

In 2009, the 111th Congress took strides to further close the gender discrimination gap in the professional work environment by passing The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law. This law initiated great improvements for women in the workforce, such as allowing a time frame extension to file lawsuits against employers for wage discrepancies. However, additional protections are needed, which is why Democratic lawmakers are advancing the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Paycheck Fairness Act strengthens the equality provisions within the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and eliminates the loopholes not seen in the past. For example, it increases penalties on employers who violate federal law and allows women to pursue legal matters if they are treated unjustly. The legislation also ensures equality in the tax code so that everyone—male and female, high-income earners and those living in poverty—pays their respective tax rate. Fairness should be applicable to all, in wages and in taxes. The Paycheck Fairness Act provides effective remedies to women who are not being paid equal wages for equal work, and Congress should pass the bill as soon as possible.

Equality in pay is an issue of civil rights. Women represent more than half of the workforce, and they deserve the full-amount of earnings for their work. Loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars over a lifetime due to unequal pay undermines the economic security of women and our nation. I will continue to steadfastly support and advance legislation that promotes gender equality and civil fairness.

CONGRATULATING VICTORIA FOLEY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Victoria Foley of the Joplin McAuley Catholic Track and Field Team for winning the Discus State Title at the Missouri Class 1 State Track and Field Championship.

Victoria worked hard throughout the season to achieve her state title. She continuously strove to better her performance, inspiring her teammates as well as earning the respect of her competitors.

Victoria is a solid definition of what it takes to be a great student athlete by virtue of her

phenomenal talent and great sportsmanship. Through her hard work and dedication she won the Missouri Class 1 State Discus Championship with a throw of 121 feet 3 inches. In the end, she added herself among only 2 others who can share the State Champion title in the McAuley Catholic High School history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Victoria Foley, the Missouri Class 1 State Discus Champion.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. BESSIE RUDOLPH ANDERSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved role model and gracious woman of faith, Mrs. Bessie Mae Rudolph Anderson. On Saturday, July 14, 2012, Mrs. Anderson will be honored at an event celebrating her 100th birthday in Albany, Georgia.

Mrs. Anderson was born on July 6, 1912 in Mount Willing, Alabama to Isiaah and Ada Eula Cabbie Rudolph. She was the fifth of nine children. She and her brother, Will Arthur, are the only living siblings today.

As she grew up, Mrs. Anderson helped her father on the farm and her mother in the house. In her free time, she was the "Belle of the Ball" as she loved to dance. She has always enjoyed fishing, reading, telling stories about her childhood, and cooking her famous biscuits.

In 1924, Mrs. Anderson met William Anderson, a "Georgia Boy." After dating for five years, they were married on July 28, 1929. They began their life together in Alabama where they had five children: William, Jr., Mattie Pearl, John Samuel, Rosie Maxine and Ernestine. In 1940, they moved to Georgia where they had six more children: Katherinean, Sim Hill, Lee Ernest, Lottye, Freddie Mae, and Charles Edward. Mrs. Anderson was a devoted wife and loving mother and worked hard to make a home for her family.

When her youngest child started school, Mrs. Anderson began working for the Pope family in Thomasville, Georgia as a housekeeper and caregiver for their three children: Sissy, Dusty, and Miller. She was like family to the Papes and she loved those three children as her own.

Mrs. Anderson often said she was a chemist and a nurse licensed in all states because whenever and wherever anyone fell ill, she was always willing to go and nurse them back to health using her own homemade medical remedies.

Mrs. Anderson has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of her late husband, William, her eleven children, and her 194 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Most important to Mrs. Anderson is her sturdy and enduring relationship with the Lord. She is a longtime member of Mercy Seat Christian Church. She served as treasurer for the church for many years and still serves as Mother of the Church.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the